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San Diego Public Library to Screen Two Documentaries About the Patriot Act on Nov. 14

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library and the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties will screen two documentary films that focus on the Patriot Act. “Beyond the Patriot Act” and “Unconstitutional” will be shown Monday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

“Beyond the Patriot Act” is the first episode of the ACLU Freedom Files from the American Civil Liberties Union and Robert Greenwald's Brave New Films. It is produced and directed by award-winning filmmaker Jeremy Kagan.

Through personal stories of ordinary Americans, “Beyond the Patriot Act” tells how a misguided law and other government overreactions to Sept. 11 have restricted our most basic constitutional freedoms and threatens America’s system of checks and balances. The documentary tells the uplifting story of a growing grassroots campaign of Americans of all political affiliations that led to the passage of nearly 400 community resolutions opposing the Patriot Act. One of the stories features a university librarian talking about the need to dump library records in order to protect the privacy of her patrons.

“Unconstitutional,” which was written, directed and produced by Nonny de la Peña, explores how the Patriot Act has taken away checks on law enforcement and continues to endanger the civil liberties of all Americans. The Patriot Act, which was passed just 45 days after September 11 with virtually no debate, was met with a significant grassroots groundswell from across the political spectrum. This film makes an effort to present a bipartisan view of the problems with the Patriot Act, by focusing on the personal stories of real people.

Attorney Candace Carroll, from the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, will facilitate a discussion following the screenings.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

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